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SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE is seeking students who show evidence of intellectual ability and purpose, maturity, qualities of good character and citizenship, and a sound foundation for college studies. Special talents and well-directed interests, demonstrated in extracurricular activities and use of summer opportunities, are also taken into consideration by the Committee on Admission as indications of preparation for college.

Founded in 1901 as a college for women, Sweet Briar believes that there is value in an environment where each student is afforded the opportunity to be herself, following her own bent and developing her own interests, independent of any compulsion to fit a stereotype of what some consider feminine.



WHEN TO BEGIN PLANNING

Your admission to college will be greatly facilitated if you begin getting ready for college when you enter high school. Get acquainted with your guidance counselor, study college catalogs, and plan your studies to meet the requirements of several different colleges.



GENERAL PREPARATION

Reading—as much and as widely as possible—is the best preparation for college and for college entrance examinations. A reading list to use as a guide is available on request from the Admission Office.



SELECTING YOUR STUDIES

Throughout the four years in high school, plan your program to give you an academic background which will prepare you to enjoy and to take full advantage of the liberal arts education at Sweet Briar. Choose four or five academic subjects each year for a minimum of sixteen units; many candidates present eighteen or twenty.

Your program must include four years of English grammar, composition, and literature. In addition, the Committee on Admission suggests the following: two years of one language and three of a second, or four years of one language; three years of college-preparatory mathematics; at least one year of laboratory science; a year or more of history; and electives chosen from these or other academic subjects.

Other patterns of units may be acceptable. If you have questions or need assistance in choosing subjects, please consult the Director of Admission.

Include at least four academic subjects in your senior year. If you take fewer, college work will be more of a shock than a progression. The normal freshman program at Sweet Briar includes five courses; therefore the more academic responsibilities you are accustomed to carrying, the easier will be your adjustment to college studies.



TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

If your school offers enriched, accelerated, or honors courses, don't be afraid to elect them. Some students refuse these opportunities, believing that it is more important in the competition for college admission to maintain a straight-A record—in easier courses—than to risk a B or a C in more advanced work.

Your transcript or recommendation from your counselor will show any honors courses in your record; the Committee on Admis-



sion will realize and appreciate the fact that you chose a more difficult course. Successful completion of such a course and an advanced placement examination may enable you to enter an advanced-level course in college and to fulfill a college requirement with credit toward the degree.

Possibilities for independent work at Sweet Briar begin in the freshman year. In the junior and senior years, more sustained independent study or research is offered in the Honors Program.







COLLEGE BOARD EXAMINATIONS

The Scholastic Aptitude Test and three Achievement Tests (one in English, two others of your choice) are required. Sweet Briar suggests that you take as many of these as possible during your junior year so that you will:

1. discover what the tests are like
2. gain an idea of whether the scores will be a strength or a weakness in your application for admission
3. complete the series in time for an Early Decision application by October 1 of your senior year, if you select Sweet Briar as your first choice.



The College Entrance Examination Board publishes a booklet of sample questions, which may be obtained through your school guidance counselor.

¶ SUGGESTED DATES FOR TAKING THE TESTS

Junior year: SAT in March; Achievement Tests in May

Senior year: SAT in December or January; Achievement Tests in January

If you miss the March and May test dates during your junior year, you may take the tests in July.





ASK QUESTIONS

If you have any special questions or want advice, we will be glad to hear from you at any time. We are as interested as you are in the possible outcome of your application for admission.

At the end of your junior year, you may request from Sweet Briar a *preliminary evaluation* of your chances of admission. For this evaluation, we will need from your guidance counselor an official transcript of your school record from ninth through eleventh grade and the scores of any College Board tests you have taken. After we have had an opportunity to study these, we will send you a preliminary evaluation.

This may be done *before* you make formal application for admission, to aid you in your final planning.

COLLEGE VISITING

After you have studied the catalogs and talked with your guidance counselor, a visit to Sweet Briar and other colleges you are considering may help you decide where to apply. On-the-scene impressions can differ considerably from those conveyed by publications. Don't rely on someone else's opinion as to whether or not you will like, or be suited to, a particular college.

Sweet Briar welcomes guests for interviews and campus tours throughout the year. If you are able to visit while college is in session, you will have greater opportunities to meet students and may even have time to attend classes.



If requested in advance, an overnight stay in a residence hall can be arranged by the Admission Office. Guests are welcome on Friday nights except on a few special weekends or during examination periods.

During the academic session, the Admission Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 12:30 and from 1:30 to 4:30, and on Saturday until 12:30. Summer hours (June 1 through Labor Day) are the same for weekdays only; the office is closed on Saturday.



ESTIMATING EXPENSES

The comprehensive fee of \$3,600 covers tuition, room, board, and other costs. In addition, there is a Student Activities Fee of \$50, payable to the Student Government Association. Special fees are charged for music lessons and the use of a practice studio, and for riding.

A yearly budget for clothes, books and supplies, and recreation is estimated at \$500.

Assistance in meeting educational expenses, in the form of scholarships, loans, and campus employment, is available through the Committee on Financial Aid. All awards are reviewed every year and may be renewed as long as academic achievement and financial need continue. Further information about financial aid is found in the catalog or is available on request from the Admission Office.

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications for Early Decision should be completed by October 1 of the senior year. Candidates are notified by December 1.

Regular applications should be filed by January 15; notification letters are mailed in mid-April.



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